



Journeys

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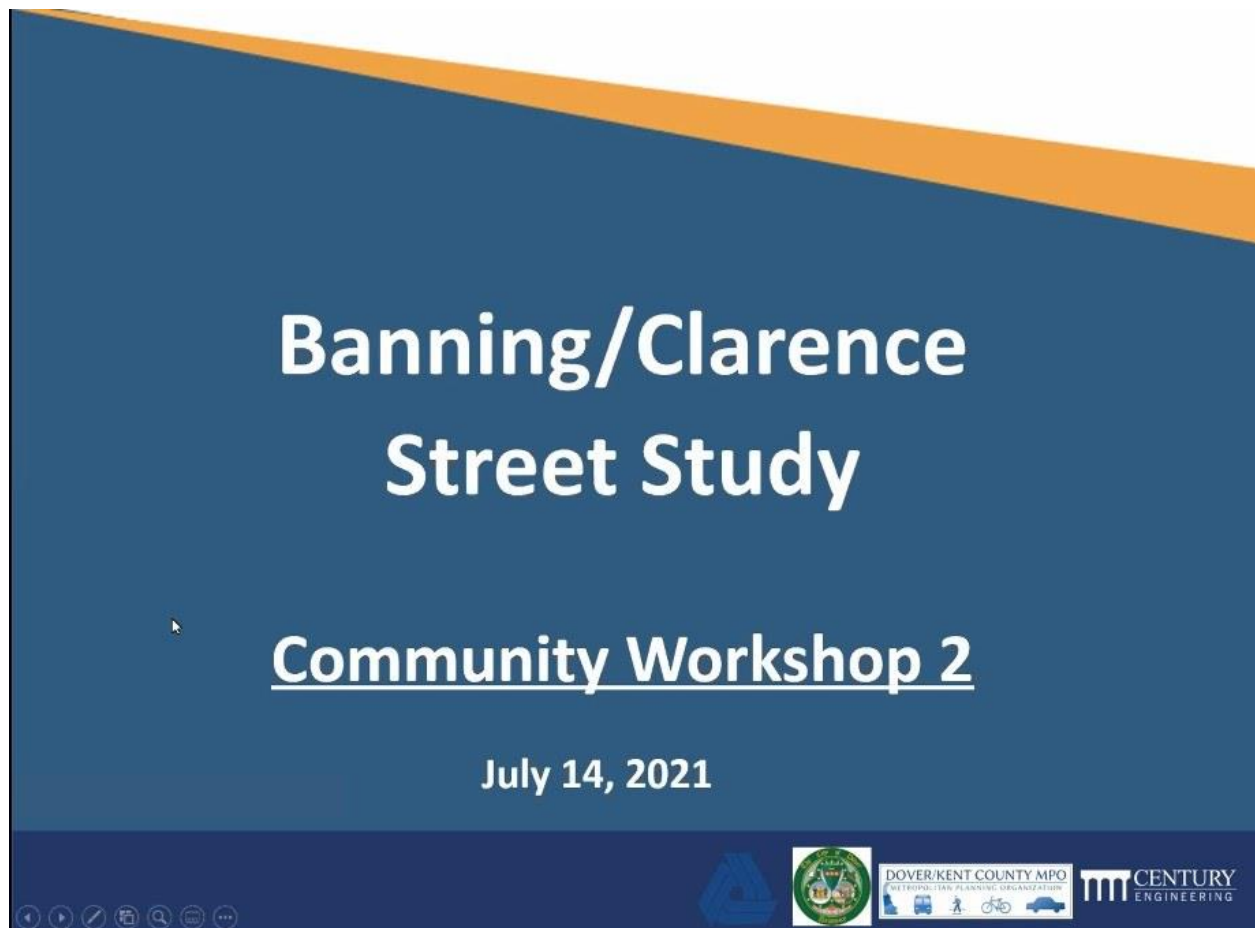
Newsletter for Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization



The MPO is Headed to the State Fair!



Look for the Dover Kent MPO at the State Fair this year! We are so excited to be back, after having to skip the fair last year due to Covid restrictions. This year we'll be cruising the fair in light blue MPO shirts, passing out cards with information on MAPITT. If you see us there, stop and say hi!



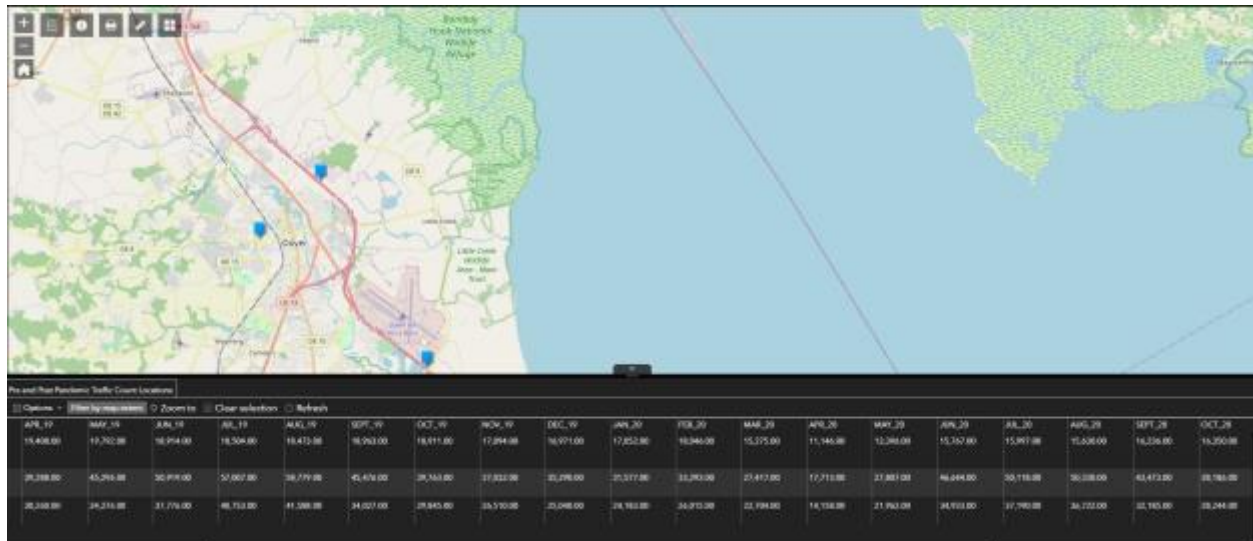
The Banning/Clarence Street Study for Dover held its second and final public workshop on July 14, 2021. It was a virtual meeting attended by approximately 17 people.

The purpose of the study was to establish a direct connection between a new housing development at Eden Hill to Forest Street so that the residents of the 600 new housing units can get to Rt 8 without using North Street or POW-MIA Parkway. The recommended designs also call for a future connection to S. Greenberry Lane after that road is extended. The new road will parallel Saulsbury road and should be extremely helpful in traffic congestion disbursement.

The presentation along with the poll answers and the Q&A portion of the workshop will be available on www.doverkentmpo.org under Presentations within a few days.

If you have any questions or concerns about the study or the public workshop, you can email James Galvin at james.galvin@doverkentmpo.org.

Map of the Month!



This month Mike Ward, the Dover Kent MPO GIS Planner gave us this fascinating map illustrating the traffic patterns before Covid, during Covid, and since many of the Covid restrictions have been lifted. It really is incredible when you see it plotted out. For instance, April 2019 South of the Toll Plaza registered 39,288 vehicles. In April of 2020 (the first full month of the lock down) at the same location only 17,713 vehicles were logged. This past April, that same location beat out both previous year's numbers with a total of 41,461. Check out the whole map [HERE!](#)

What is a Parklet?



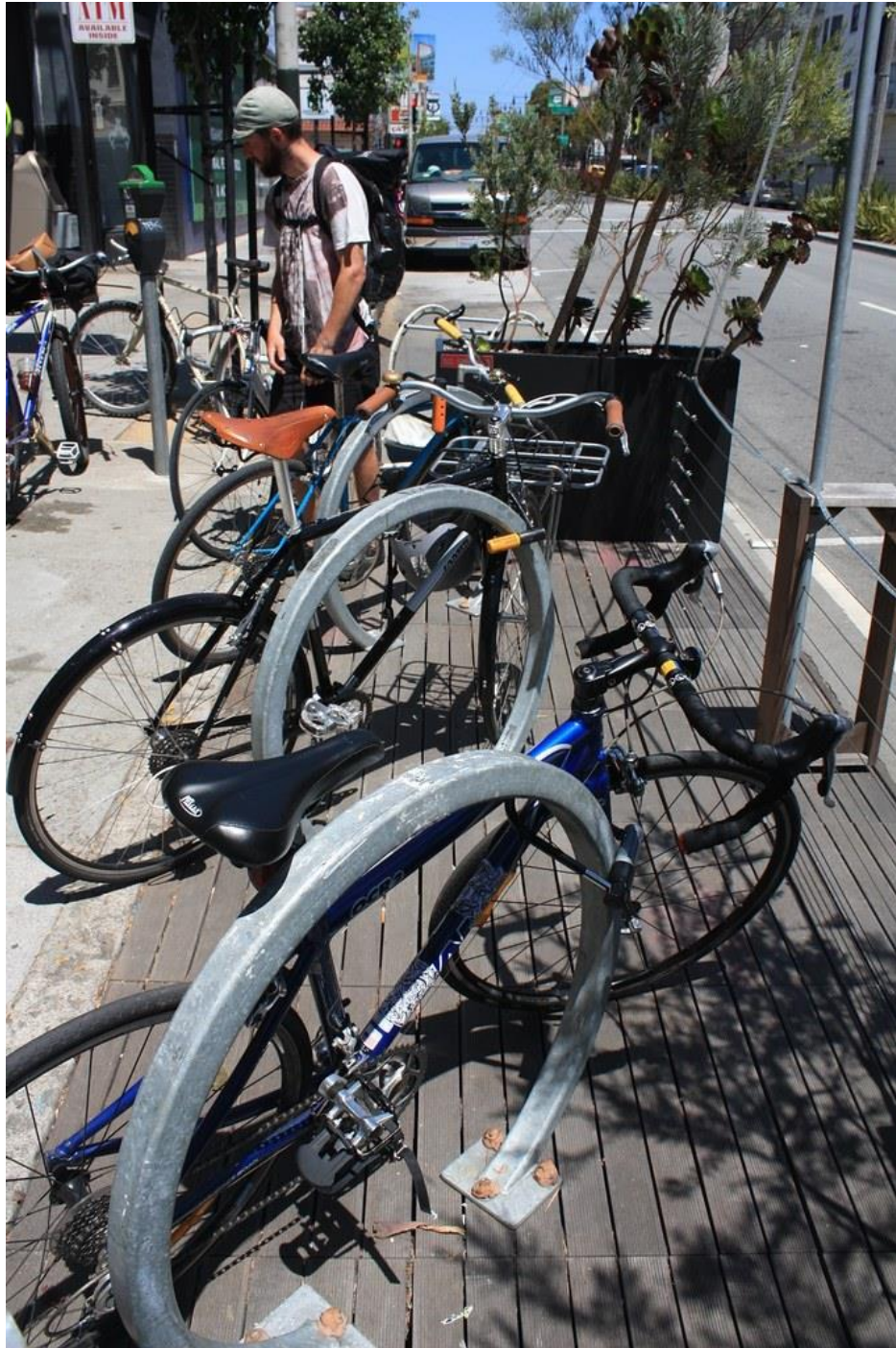
*A parklet is a sidewalk extension that provides more space and amenities for people using the street.

*Usually, parklets are installed on parking lanes and use one to several parking spaces.

*Parklets typically extend out from the sidewalk at the level of the sidewalk to the width of the adjacent parking space.

*Parklets are intended for people. Parklets offer a place to stop, to sit, and to rest while taking in the activities of the street.

Parklets are coming to Kent County, thanks to the Dover Kent MPO and a State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) grant that the MPO received to bring the idea of Parklets to all the municipalities in Kent County! Keep your eyes peeled for a Parklet coming to town near you!!



1 - Parklets can be used for multi-modal transportation.



2 - Parklets can be used for seating at town events.



3 - Parklets can even be used as part of the entertainment!

Have you seen this bus?

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CAUTION
BUS
MAKES
WIDE
RIGHT
TURNS

THIS VEHICLE STOPS AT
ALL RAILROAD CROSSINGS

There is a DART bus running around Kent County with a MAPITT ad on the back! If you see it, let us know on any social media platform @doverkentmpo. If it's safe, snap a picture. If not, that's okay...just let us know you spotted it! We will be giving away a prize pack to some lucky "viewer"!!!

Hot weather can mean bad air!



<https://sway.office.com/v3x9SAUu8gQBazsi#content=vuhxhF11HU0BP>

Thank you WILMAPCO for including Dover Kent MPO in its newest informational video!





Upcoming Meetings



MPO MEETING CALENDAR

To register please call 387-6030
or email
helen.wiles@doverkentmpo.org

All meetings are
open to the public!

COUNCIL	JULY 7 3PM	SEPTEMBER 1 3PM	NOVEMBER 3 3PM
PAC	AUGUST 12 6PM	OCTOBER 14 6PM	
TAC	AUGUST 17 10AM	OCTOBER 19 10AM	
OTHER MEETINGS	JOINT MEETING DEC. 7	6PM LOCATION TBA	

DelDOT's sign writers give us all something to smile about while stuck in traffic on Rt 1 this summer!





Thanks for subscribing to Journeys!



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